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Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: biographical information on candidates

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The procedure for the election of members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, is outlined in document E/2008/9/Add.5. The list of current members is contained in the annex to that document.

2. In a note verbale dated 12 November 2007, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months.

3. Biographical information on the candidates nominated by States parties to the Covenant is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights[a]

Mohamed Ezzeldin ABDEL-MONEIM (Egypt)

Date and place of birth: 24 November 1944, Port Said, Egypt

Working languages: English, French and Arabic

Education

PhD., Political Science, Graduate Institute for International Studies, University of Geneva, 1979

B.A., Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 1966

Main professional activities

Member of the Egyptian Committee for the Promotion of International Humanitarian Law (1996-2004)

Adviser to the Chairman of the National Council on Human Rights (2005)

Contributed to proceedings of the Interregional Consultations on Social Welfare Policies, United Nations, Vienna (1982)

Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs (2002-2005)

Economic Attaché, General Directorate of Economic Research, Department of Economic Affairs, 1966-1968

Contributed to "Implementation of the United Nations Human Development Report for Egypt" for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Egypt, 2005; and "Implementation of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals/United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), Egypt" for UNDP, 2006

Contributed to the drafting of human rights-related resolutions and documents adopted by multilateral forums, including the United Nations, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, 1994-2004

Member of the American Society of International Law (1987-1996)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Centre of Political Studies, Faculty of Economics, Cairo University (1996-2004)

Alternate Representative to the United Nations Office at Vienna on matters related to refugees, women, the elderly and crime prevention (1987-1991)

[a] The complete curriculum vitae of each candidate may be consulted in the files of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council.

Current positions/functions

Associate Professor of International Law and Organization at Suez Canal University

Associate Professor of International Relations at Al-Azhar University

Lecturer on International Human Rights Law at the Programme for Capacity-Building on Human Rights, UNDP, Egypt (2006 to the present)

Lecturer on International Organization at the Faculty of Economics, Cairo University (1994 to the present)

Member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2005 to the present)

Member of the Egyptian Committee for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2006 to the present)

Member of the Committee on Economic, Legal and Political Studies at the Supreme Council for Higher Education (2004 to the present)

Expert-Adviser to the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States (2005 to the present)

List of most recent publications in the field

"Areas of Action for the South in the 21st Century", "The Global Environment and the Use of Economic Sanctions", for the University of the Witwatersrand", 2001 and 2003, respectively

"Six Pillars of Wisdom: Human Rights in the Arab Region" by the Doha Forum on Democracy, Development and Free Trade, April 2007

Contributed to "ILO Proceedings of the International Colloquium on the 80th Anniversary of the ILO Committee of Experts", International Labour Organization, Geneva, 24-26 November 2006

"Current trends on the international protection of human rights"

"The United Nations Human Rights Council and the International Machinery for the protection of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights", for the Human Rights Capacity-Building Programme, 2007

"The Mandate of the National Council by Human Rights in the promotion of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights", 2005: "Globalization and Economic Rights" for Trade Union Activists, 2007

María del Rocío BARAHONA Riera (Costa Rica)

Date and place of birth: 26 October 1952, Cartago, Costa Rica

Working languages: Spanish, English, Italian (proficient), French (basic)

Education

Candidate, *Doctorado en Estudios Latinoamericanes* (doctorate in Latin American studies), Faculty of Political Science, University of Chile, 1997

Doctora en Derecho Internacional (doctorate in international law), Universities of Peruggia and Rome, 1990

Especialidad en Derecho Internacional (specialization in international law), University of Costa Rica, 1986

Licenciada en Derecho (master's degree) in law, University of Barcelona, Spain, 1982

Egresada en Ciencias Políticas y Sociales (graduate in political and social science), University of Costa Rica, 1978

Other professional development courses

Human rights, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica

Process of European Community integration, Salzburg, Austria

International relations, International Relations Research Institute, Florence, Italy

Course on globalization, markets and technology in contemporary societies, United Nations, Vienna

International seminar on gender, education and social policy, United Nations, Vienna

Diploma en Criminología (diploma in Criminology), Complutense University, Madrid

Diploma (diploma), School of Juridical Practice, University of Zaragoza, Spain

Current position

Professor of International Law and Human Rights at various universities

Publications

Thesis: Parlamento Centroamericano, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Costa Rica

Publications and articles on human rights and on economic, social and cultural rights

Articles on domestic and international politics for periodicals and newspapers

Zdzislaw KEDZIA (Poland)

Date and place of birth: 2 July 1943, Radom, Poland

Working languages: Polish (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (strong command) and Russian (working knowledge)

Education

1966: Master of Law, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

1972: Doctor of Law, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

1980: Habilitated Doctor of Law — Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences

1992: Professor of Law — academic title given by the President of the State

1996: Honorary Professor of the University in Hagen, Germany

Main professional activities

Academic and expert activities

Until 2006, Professor at the Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, member of the Scientific Board of the Institute

1989-1991, Expert adviser to the Parliament on human rights and constitutional matters

Expert on human rights and constitutional matters at the Round Table Talks between the Communist Government and the Solidarity Opposition in 1989

1987-1991, Expert adviser to the Commissioner for Citizens' Rights

Member of the Boards of the Institute of Federalism of Fribourg University, Switzerland, and of the Institute for German and European Law on Political Parties, Düsseldorf University, Germany

Coordinator of research projects concerning human rights at Polish and foreign academic institutions

Lectures at universities in Austria, Brazil, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America

Research on human rights at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fellowship) and at the Law Faculty of the University of Zürich (Faculty fellowship)

Founder and editor of academic journals related to the international protection of human rights

Experience in international organizations

2002-2005: Chief of the Research and Right to Development Branch in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva

1999-2001: Chief a.i. of the Programmes and Activities Branch in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva

1994-1999: Senior Adviser to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva

Experience in diplomatic service

1991-1994: Minister-Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office at Geneva

1991-1994: Alternate Member of the Venice Commission "Democracy through Law"

1994: Rapporteur of the forty-ninth session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

1993: General Rapporteur of the Second World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna

1993: Representative of Poland to the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly

1992-1993: Vice-Chairman of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee dealing with the preparation for the World Conference on Human Rights

1992-1993: Head of the Delegation of Poland to the forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

1991-1993: Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference on Human Rights

1990-1991: Senior Adviser on Human Rights to the Foreign Minister of Poland

1990-1991: Representative of Poland to the Steering Committee on Human Rights of the Council of Europe

Current position/function

Since December 2005: Professor, Chair of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznań, Poland; teaching subjects: constitutional law, human rights

Since October 2006: National Director of the European Master's Programme in Human Rights (E.MU)

Ismini KRIARI-CATRANIS (Greece)

Date and place of birth: 6 June 1954, Piraeus, Greece

Working languages: English, German (very well), French (well) and Italian (reading only)

Education

1977: Graduate in Law at the University of Athens

1985: PhD in Public Law at the Panteion University of Athens. Subject of dissertation: "Constitutional institutions on crisis management in Greek and comparative law"

Postgraduate research at the University of Vienna (1981), Giessen (1982), Sapienza — Rome (1991), Bonn (1996)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Scholarships in 1998 (for a research project about cloning) and 2003 (for a research project about biobanks)

Main professional activities

Since 1979: member of the Athens Bar

Lecturer in constitutional law, Department of Public Administration at Panteion University (1989-1996)

Assistant Professor in constitutional law, Department of Public Administration at Panteion University (1996-2002)

Associate Professor at the above-mentioned University (2002). Teaching subjects at pre-graduate and postgraduate level:

(a) Constitutional law

(b) Technology and human rights at the Council of Europe

(c) International protection of human rights

(d) Bioethics and human rights protection at the national and international levels

(e) Human rights and European integration

Visiting Professor at the University of Lüneburg (2003)

Since 13 April 2004, appointed Special Secretary in the Ministry of Education, responsible for Greek schools abroad and intercultural education

As Special Secretary, drafted and supervised the educational programmes of the Ministry for vulnerable groups, i.e., for Roma children, children of the Muslim minority, immigrant children and Greek children abroad. The programmes are especially tailored to meet the educational needs of these groups, to help them enhance their cognitive and social skills and to facilitate their social integration

Member of law drafting committees at the Ministry of Health and the Council of Europe (2002-2005)

Chairman of Law Drafting Committee for the founding of a European School at Heraklion, Crete

Chairman of Law Drafting Committee for the foreign schools operating in Greece

Chief of delegation at the Superior Council of the European Schools (2004-2006)

Member of the Board of the Hellenic Institute for Culture (2004-2006)

Member of the Board of the Hellenic Committee for Human Rights (2004-2006)

Member of the Board of the Hellenic UNESCO Committee (2004-2006)

Member of the Board of the Centre for study and development of Greek culture in the region of the Black Sea (2004-2007).

Member of the Greek delegation at the Task Force International Organization for Holocaust Teaching, Remembrance and Research (2004-2006)

Member of the Bioethics Committee of the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church (since 2000)

Chairperson of the Scientific Committee on Bioethics of the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (since 28 August 2001)

Founding member of the Health Law Association and member of the Board (2004-2006).

Participation in many research projects at research centres in Greece and Europe as participant, partner and senior expert

Speaker in many national and international conferences and round tables

Current position/function

Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

Publications

Books — 4, articles — 30 on constitutional law, law and technology, human rights and biomedical developments

Sergei N. MARTYNOV (Belarus)

Date and place of birth: 22 February 1953, Leninakan, Armenia

Working languages: English, Russian and French

Education

1970-1975: Moscow State Institute of International Relations, summa cum laude

Professional activities

1975-1980: Department of International Economic Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (International Labour Organization, European Economic Commission)

1980-1988: Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

1988-1991: Deputy Head, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (responsible for political, social and economic issues)

1991-1992: Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations, New York (responsible for political, social and economic issues)

1992-1993: Chargé d'affaires of the Republic of Belarus to the United States of America

1993-1997: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the United States of America

1997-2000: First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (bilateral and multilateral political affairs, social and economic issues)

2001-2003: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the Kingdom of Belgium, Head of the Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the European Communities, Head of the Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Since March 2003: Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

Professional experience

1991-1997: Vice-Chairman of the First Committee of the General Assembly, Chairman of Nuclear Disarmament Group of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (three times), Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the Disarmament Commission (several times)

1991: Vice-President of the Amendment Conference of the States Parties to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water

1998: Chairman of the Disarmament Commission

2000: President of the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

Current position/function

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus since March 2003

Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 2001

Publications

"The EU and Belarus: Time for a Fresh Start", "The EU and Belarus. Between Moscow and Brussels" (article in the book published in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland by Federal Trust, whose aim is to enlighten public debate on the issues of national, continental and global government), 2002, pp. 303-316

"Economic Reform for Creating an Independent State", *Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun* (Japanese weekly business newspaper), 4 September 2003

"In Step with Time. Or Better One Step Ahead", «Delo «East+West» (Belarusian International Analytical Bulletin), No. 6, 2003

"Belarus and its Relations with the USA and EU" (Belarus und seine Beziehungen zu den USA und der EU), *Wostok. Informationen aus dem Osten für den Westen* (German magazine for business and government circles), No. 3, 2003

Articles in national and foreign magazines and newspapers dedicated to the problems of observance of social and economic rights of people living in the Commonwealth of Independent States region, 2004-2007

Public statements in the field

Statements in November 2000 and February 2001 at two non-governmental organization conferences at Iserlon, Germany, dedicated to international education and humanitarian assistance issues

Statement in February 2002 at the New Policies towards Belarus Conference in Bruehl, Germany, in the capacity of the Board of Trustees member of the Minsk International Education Centre

Several statements before the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus, the last made in February 2003 on the socio-economic consequences of the European Union's new neighbourhood initiative for Belarusian citizens

Statement in December 2003 at the Ministerial Council Meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Maastricht, the Netherlands

Statement in December 2004 at the Ministerial Council Meeting of OSCE in Sofia

Statement in December 2006 at the Ministerial Council of OSCE in the capacity of Chairman of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, in Brussels

Statement in September 2007 at the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries' Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity in Tehran

Statements in 2003-2007 at the annual sessions of the United Nations General Assembly

Jean-Pierre MAVUNGU Mvumbi-di-Ngoma (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Date of birth: 22 December 1956

Education

1992: *Doctorat en droit, Option Droit international public* (doctorate in international public law), University of Fribourg, Switzerland

1987: *Diplôme* (postgraduate degree), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

1980: *License en droit* (bachelor's degree in law), National School of Public Administration, Rabat, Morocco

1963-1976: Primary and secondary studies in Boma and Kimpese, Bas-Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Professional activities

Academic positions

1995-2007: Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Kinshasa; Honorary Head of Department of International Public Law and International Relations

1997-2007: Professor, Faculty of Law, University of the Congo; Head of Department of Public Law

1990-1995: Graduate Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Freiburg, Switzerland

Courses taught

International public law; International organizations; Foreign policy of the Congo; Law of international spaces

National positions

1998-1999, 2001: Principal Private Secretary to the Minister for Human Rights

2000-2001: Director, Water Management Administration of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (REGIDESO)

2002-2003: Special Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Coordinator of the Tenth Diplomatic Conference

Member of the delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo at several international conferences, Geneva and New York

2003-2006: Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the European Communities and to the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP), Brussels

Member and Head of Delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to ACP and ACP-European Union ministerial meetings, Brussels, Gaborone, Niamey, Port Moresby

Member of the national delegation to ministerial meetings on trade, Brussels and Hong Kong

International positions

2002-2006: Judge ad hoc at the International Court of Justice, The Hague, in *Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo* v. *Rwanda)*

2005: Regional Coordinator of the Ambassadors of Central Africa, ACP Group of States, Brussels

2006: Member of the Troika (Vice-President), ACP Group of States, Brussels

Principal publications

Le règlement judiciaire des différends interétatiques en Afrique, doctoral thesis, University of Friburg, Editions Universitaires, 1992

Les relations interafricaines, Paris, Centre for Advanced Studies on Modern Asia and Africa (CHEAM), La Documentation Française, 1990

"Les rapports entre les droits de l'homme et le droit international humanitaire", in *Droits de l'Homme et Droit International Humanitaire*, University of Kinshasa and Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Democratic Republic of the Congo field office, Presses de l'Université de Kinshasa, 1999, pp. 175-192.

"Separate opinion", *Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo* (New Application 2002) (*Democratic Republic of the Congo* v. *Rwanda*), International Court of Justice, Order of 10 July 1992, 19 pages

"Dissenting opinion", *Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo* (*Democratic Republic of the Congo* v. *Rwanda*), International Court of Justice, Order of 10 July 1992, 10 pages

"Les mécanismes universels de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme", in *L'Adaptation de la législation congolaise aux normes internationales relatives aux droits de l'homme*, training seminar for national Members of Parliament, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Democratic Republic of the Congo field office, June 2007, 26 pages

"Le rôle de l'Union Européenne dans le processus de démocratisation de la République Démocratique du Congo", in *Participation et responsabilité des acteurs dans un contexte d'émergence démocratique en République Démocratique du Congo*, Presses de l'Université de Kinshasa, 2007, pp. 223-236

Ariranga Govindasamy PILLAY (Mauritius)

Date of birth: 14 June 1945

Working languages: English and French

Education

Royal College, Port Louis, Mauritius (1957-1964)

London School of Economics, London (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (1966-1969)

Morton College, Oxford (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (1969-1971)

Lincoln's Inn, London (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (1972)

Academic and professional qualifications

BSc Econ. (Hon.) — London (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (1969)

BA (Hon.) in Jurisprudence — Oxford (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (1971)

Barrister-at-law of Lincoln's Inn, London (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (1972)

Professional activities, decorations and awards in Mauritius

1972-1986: Legal Adviser at the Attorney-General's Office and Ministry of Justice, having been appointed successively as Crown Counsel, Senior Crown Counsel, Principal Crown Counsel, Assistant Solicitor-General and Parliamentary Counsel

1987-1996: Puisne Judge and Acting Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius

1994-1996: Chairman of the Council of Legal Education of Mauritius

1995-1996: Member of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission of Mauritius

1 May 1996-13 June 2007: Chief Justice of Mauritius and Chairman of the Judicial and Legal Service, Commission of Mauritius

2002-2005: Acting President of the Republic of Mauritius for short periods of time, in the absence of both the President and the Vice-President

July 2007: Legal Consultant

1996: Awarded by the State of Mauritius: the Grand Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean

2002: Honorary Professor of the University of Mauritius

Awarded the Honorary Freedom of the City of Port Louis

2004: Awarded Gold Medal by the Bar Association of Mauritius

Work, appointments and awards in the international field

Negotiated bilateral air services and loan agreements on behalf of the State of Mauritius

Represented Mauritius at international conferences and seminars in various fields, e.g., human rights, intellectual property and international law matters

Drafted human rights reports on behalf of Mauritius for the United Nations Human Rights Committee and for the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Chaired international moot competitions on human rights

Member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1997 to the present)

Adviser to the Governing Council of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (1998 to the present)

Member of the Court of Appeals of Seychelles (1999-2003)

Honorary Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2000)

Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2001)

Resource person in human rights recruited from time to time by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland (2003 to the present)

Regular member of the Southern African Development Community Tribunal (2005 to the present).

Current function

Legal Consultant

Waleed M. SA'DI (Jordan)

Date of birth: 19 November 1939

Education

BA (Economics), Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

JD (Doctor of Law), University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois

Professional experience

Diplomat at the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations, 1965-1969

Counsellor at the Jordanian Embassy in Washington, D.C., 1960-1970

Counsellor at the Jordanian Embassy in Moscow, 1970-1972

Minister Plenipotentiary at the Jordanian Embassy in London, 1972-1974

Minister Plenipotentiary at the Jordanian Embassy in Paris, 1974-1975

Ambassador to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva, 1976-1980

Head of the Jordanian Delegation to the Diplomatic Conference on the Geneva Conventions, 1976-1979

Head of the Department of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1981-1982

Member of the Commission on Human Rights, 1976-1981

Vice-Chairman of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1978-1982

Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, 1980-1981

Ambassador to Turkey, 1982-1986

Columnist, *Jordan Times*, 1988 to the present

Chief Editor, *Jordan Times*, 1988-1990

Member of the Human Rights Committee (on civil and political rights), 1978-1982 and 1990-1994

Head of the Jordanian Delegation to the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, Rome, 1998

Head of the Working Group on Crimes against Humanity at the Rome Conference, 1998

Adviser at the Office of the Crown Prince of Jordan, 1997-1999

Lecturer at McGill University Law School, Montreal, 1997

Assistant Professor at Loyola College, Montreal, 1970-1971

High Commissioner for Human Rights at the National Centre for Human Rights, Amman, 2003-2005

Adviser on human rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amman

Publications

The Economic Theory in Islam

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1996 to the present, Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Nicolaas Jan SCHRIJVER (The Netherlands)

Date and place of birth: 21 May 1954, Warmenhuizen (N.H.), the Netherlands

Working languages: Dutch (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fair), German (fair) and Spanish (reading)

Education

PhD, Faculty of Law, University of Groningen, doctoral thesis: *Sovereignty over Natural Resources: Balancing Rights and Duties in an Interdependent World*, xxiii and 481 pp., 2 March 1995

LL.M., Master's degree in Law (LL.M), 18 August 1978

LL.B., Faculty of Law, University of Groningen, 30 June 1974

Diploma, Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki: Postgraduate diploma, cum laude, in International Law and Relations, August 1980

Hague Academy of International Law, 1980-1981

Current positions

Chair of Public International Law, Leiden University, and Academic Director, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University/Campus, The Hague

President of the Netherlands Society of International Law

Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague

Member of the five-member high-level United Nations Task Force on the Right to Development

Associate member of the Institut de droit international (elected in 2007)

Member of the Board of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Other professional activities

Appeared as legal counsel before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, ad hoc law of the sea tribunals and as expert in International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) proceedings

Working experience in the United Nations system, including legal officer, Office of the Legal Counsel, United Nations

Chairperson of the Committee on the International Law of Sustainable Development of the International Law Association (ILA) (during 1994-2002, its General Rapporteur) and Co-Chair (with Dr. Kamal Hossain, Bangladesh) of the ILA Study Group on United Nations Reform

Member of the standing Human Rights Committee of the Advisory Council on International Affairs of the Government of the Netherlands, inter alia Chairperson of the Committee on the Human Rights Approach to Development Cooperation (2003) and the Committee "Reforming the United Nations: A Closer Look at the Annan Proposals" (2005)

Extensive publications record, including on economic and social human rights

Member of the Advisory Committee on Issues of International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

Former Chairperson and Board member of the Academic Council on the United Nations System, New York/New Haven

Co-founder and Board member of the European Society of International Law

Visiting professorships at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague; Université libre de Bruxelles; Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing; Universiti Teknologi Mara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Selected publications

The Evolution of Sustainable Development in International Law: Inception, Meaning and Status, Leiden/The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff/Hague Academy of International Law, 165 pp., forthcoming in early 2008

"Natural resource management and sustainable development", in T. G. Weiss and S. Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007, pp. 592-610

"UNESCO's Role in the Development and Application of International Law: An Assessment", in A. A. Yusuf (ed.), *Standard-setting in UNESCO. Normative action in Education, Science and Culture, Essays in Commemoration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of UNESCO*, Paris: UNESCO, vol. I, 2007, pp. 365-384

"The UN Human Rights Council: a new 'society of the committed' or just old wine in new bottles?", in *Leiden Journal of International Law*, vol. 20 (2007), No. 4, pp. 809-823

"Reforming the UN Security Council in Pursuance of Collective Security", in *Journal of Conflict & Security Law*, vol. 12 (2007), No. 1, pp. 127-138

"The Future of the Charter of the United Nations", in *Max Planck Yearbook of United Nations Law*, vol. 10 (2006), pp. 1-34

"Human rights concerns in current targeted sanctions regimes from the perspective of international and European law", in *Strengthening Targeted Sanctions Through Fair and Clear Procedures* in (United Nations Document A/60/887-S/2006/331 of 14 June 2006, annex, section two)

The United Nations of the Future. Globalisation with a Human Face, Amsterdam: KIT Publishers, 2006, co-authored with Van Genugten, Homan and De Waart, 304 pp.

The Security Council and the Use of Force. Theory and Reality-A Need for Change?, co-edited with N. M. Blokker, Leiden, Martinus Nijhoff, 2005, 308 pp.

International Law and Sustainable Development: Principles and Practice, co-edited with Friedl Weiss Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff, 2004, 712 pp.

Article 2, paragraph 4, in J-P. Cot/A. Pellet/M. Forteau (éd.), *La Charte des Nations Unies. Commentaire article par article*, Economica, Paris, 2005, 3e éd., pp. 437-467

"The Changing Nature of State Sovereignty", in *British Year Book of International Law*, vol. 70 (1999), pp. 65-98

Sovereignty over Natural Resources: Balancing Rights and Duties, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 1997, xxxi and 456 pp. (paperback reissue, 2008)

Marc SOMDA (Burkina Faso)

Date and place of birth: 1957, Varpwo, Niego, Ioba

Working languages: French, English

Studies

1964-1970: *Certificat d'étude primaire* (certificate of primary education), Niego, Ioba, primary school

1970-1971: *Brevet d'étude de l'enseignement du premier cycle* (certificate of secondary education), Nasso seminary

Baccalauréat de l'enseignement du second degré (secondary school diploma)

1971-1975: Diébougou high school

1975-1979: Tounouma high school

1979-1983: *Maîtrise en Droit* (master's degree in law), School of Law, University of Ouagadougou

1983-1985: *Diplôme du cycle supérieur, option Diplomatic* (advanced diploma specializing in diplomacy), National School for Administration and the Judiciary (ENAM)

1988: *Certificat d'aptitude en droit de développement* (certificate in development law), International Development Law Institute, Rome

Professional activities

November 2005-August 2006: Counsellor, National Commission for the International Organization of la Francophonie, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Principal duties: Initiating, organizing and coordinating partnerships between governmental and non-governmental organizations regarding la Francophonie; raising awareness of la Francophonie and promoting its influence in Burkina Faso; preparing summits and meetings of organs of la Francophonie; following up on the implementation of summit decisions and recommendations

October 1999-November 2005: Minister Counsellor, Legal Counsellor at the Consulate General of Burkina Faso in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Principal duties: Rendering opinions on legal issues; providing legal assistance and advice; settling employment disputes; settling disputes between communities, and between citizens of Burkina Faso and the administrative and customary authorities of Côte d'Ivoire; addressing police harassment; managing and organizing the Burkina Faso community in Côte d'Ivoire; giving assistance and legal advice to Burkina Faso detainees in prisons and other places of detention; overseeing the transfer of pensions and annuities to Burkina Faso

1995-1999: Chief, Legal Counselling Service, Department of Legal and Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ouagadougou

Principal duties: Negotiating, drawing up and ratifying international treaties and agreements; rendering legal opinions; addressing human rights and international humanitarian law; settling disputes between nationals of Burkina Faso and

individuals with diplomatic privileges and immunities; rendering legal opinions on the recognition of foreign associations

1993-1995: Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Embassy of Burkina Faso in Algiers, Algeria

Principal duties: Managing, maintaining and promoting bilateral relations between Burkina Faso and Algeria

1990-1993: First Counsellor, Embassy of Burkina Faso, Algeria

Principal duties: Acting as counsellor to the Ambassador; protecting citizens of Burkina Faso in Algeria

1986-1990: Chief, Europe-Americas-Oceania Division, Department of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ouagadougou

Principal duties: Promoting and maintaining relations between Burkina Faso and countries in Europe-Americas-Oceania; processing reports from Burkina Faso diplomatic missions accredited to those States

1985-1986: Foreign Affairs Counsellor, Department of Legal and Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ouagadougou

Principal duties: Negotiating, drawing up and ratifying international treaties and agreements; handling human rights issues

Current positions

September 2006 to date: Technical Counsellor to the Minister for the Promotion of Human Rights

Principal duties: examining and summarizing domestic and international human rights cases and all other cases referred by the Minister

Burkina Faso Expert in the Working Group on an Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, responsible for examining the human rights dimension of poverty in the context of poverty alleviation

Member of the National Council for the African Peer Review Mechanism

Other positions

1996-1999: Member of the National Committee to Combat Discrimination (CONALDIS)

1997-1999: Member of the Joint Mixed Commission for the delimitation of the borders between Burkina Faso and Mali, Benin, Niger and Côte d'Ivoire

1998-1999: Member of the Inter-Ministerial Commission on devising a system to defend the interests of the State and its subdivisions vis-à-vis the jurisdictional authorities

1996-1999: Member of the Commission on the draft Individual and Family Code; member of the National Independent E ectoral Commission on the presidential elections of November 1998

1995-1999: Part-time lecturer in civil law at the National Financial Administration School (ENAREF)

1995-1999: Part-time lecturer on diplomatic privileges and immunities at the National Police School

Devi TABIDZE (Georgia)

Date and place of birth: 25 May 1963, Tblisi, Georgia

Working languages: Georgian (native), Russian and English

Education

Tblisi State Medical Institute, 1982-1988

Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor

Professional activities

Javakhishvili Tblisi State University, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Introduction course in the field of the social work law

Chief Expert, medical-social field of expertise

International Master of Health Organization

Vice-President of the Reproductive Sciences Association

International Expert on Children's Rights and member of the Commonwealth of Independent State (CIS) working group, Council of Europe

Member-Correspondent, Georgian Medical-Social Academy

Member, Committee of Experts on improving the situation of low-income workers (CS-LIW), Council of Europe

Current function/position

Head of the Social Care Department, Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs

Publications

Thirty-two scientific works, four translations (one advisory paper; one International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health for Children and Youth) (ICF-CY); one terminology and vocabulary in reproductive health; and one medical-social expertise's law acts workbook)

Philippe TEXIER (France)

Date and place of birth: 24 May 1941, Nîmes, France

Working languages: French, Spanish, English

Studies

Maîtrise de droit (master's degree in law), University of Montpellier, 1965

Two *Certificats de sociologie* (certificates in sociology), University of Montpellier, 1963

First Prize for Civil Law, 1965

Professional activities

1966-1967: Technical cooperation in Colombia: Technical Cooperation Attaché at the Embassy of France in Bogotá; gave a course on the history of political ideas at the School of Public Administration

1967-1970: National School for the Judiciary

1970-1971: Examining magistrate, Châlons-sur-Marne

1971-1972: Deputy public prosecutor, Marseille

1972-1977: Examining magistrate, Marseille

1978-1983: Examining magistrate, Paris

1977-1979: Director, Judicial Division, National School for Administration and the Judiciary, Cameroon

1983-1984: Technical Counsellor to the Secretary of State for the Family, Population and Migrant Workers

1984-1985: Deputy President, Paris High Court

1985-1988: President, Melun High Court

1988-1991: President, Evry High Court

1988-1990: Independent expert, Haiti, Human Rights Commission

1991: Director, Human Rights Division, United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL)

1992-1996: Divisional President, Paris Appeals Court

1996: Counsellor, Court of Cassation (Social Division)

1976-1995: Numerous human rights missions in South America, Central America, Africa and Asia as a consultant for the United Nations Centre for Human Rights or on behalf of non-governmental organizations

1983-1987: French Government representative as an expert on the Sessional Working Group of Government Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

1987-1995: Expert member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; re-elected for four years in 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004

Current positions

Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Member of the National Advisory Commission to the Prime Minister on Human Rights

Publications if any

Numerous articles on law and on human rights

ZHAN Daode (People's Republic of China)

Date and place of birth: 1 July 1938

Working languages: Chinese and English

Education

1958-1963: English Faculty of Xiamen University, Bachelors of Arts

Professional activities

2007: thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

2005: Representative of the Chinese Delegation, Second Paris Pact Expert Roundtable for the Islamic Republic of Iran held by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Tehran

2004: Representative of the Chinese Delegation, Seminar on Transboundary Immigrants in Istanbul held by the European Commission

2004: Special Adviser of the Chinese Delegation, Asian Regional Consultations on the Berne Initiative held in China

1991-1992: Alternate Member, forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

1991: First Preparatory Meeting for the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights

1990: Workshop on the Framework for Regional Cooperation for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific Region in Manila

1990-1993: Deputy Representative of the Chinese Delegation, forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-eighth and forth-ninth sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

Current positions/functions

Since 2006: Member, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Since 2001: Council Member, United Nations Association of China